

# Hawaii Marine



Lance Cpl. Corey Klemcke, a mortarmen with weapons platoon, Golf Company, 2nd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, and Lance Cpl. Jared Ninow, a mortarmen with 2nd Bn., 3rd Marines, conduct live-fire training for exercise Island Viper at Kaneohe Bay range training facility, June 6.

## ‘Island Warriors’ mortarmen defeat, detonate during Island Viper live-fire training

**Lance Cpl. Suzanna Lapi**  
*Marine Corps Base Hawaii*

“Half load! Fire!” yelled Lance Cpl. Nathan Morris, a mortar section leader with weapons platoon, Golf Company, 2nd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, as he and fellow mortarmen conducted live-fire mortar training during exercise Island Viper at Kaneohe Bay range training facility, June 6.

The Marines sighted in on their

objective, two steel targets depicting tanks, which sat 600 meters away.

Lance Cpl. Jared Ninow, a mortar man with 2nd Bn., 3rd Marines, and native of Wheaton, Ill., explained how they sight in.

“We look through the sight and line up with the target and fire stakes,” Ninow said. “Fire stakes point the direction of fire, and the ammo man sets them as the gunner uses hand signals. Each hand signal depicts the

type of movement we should make.”

Morris, a native of Loudonville, Ohio, performed the task of fire direct center, which calculates firing information such as range and trajectory.

“The FDC controls fire,” Morris said. “I receive the call from the forward observer, then relay the information to the gun line’s guns, who then fire the mission.”

Morris said the purpose of the

training is to support a squad-sized element of 13 Marines with multiple lines of support.

“We conducted this training with snipers, Combined Anti-Armor Team 2, medium machine guns and assault men,” Morris said. “This benefits riflemen because they get accustomed to having support and coordinating allows individuals to comprehend

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## ‘Kings of Battle’ conduct Spartan Fury exercise before ITX

**Lance Cpl. Matthew Bragg**  
*Marine Corps Base Hawaii*

**SCHOFIELD BARRACKS, Hawaii** — Marines from Alpha and Bravo Batteries, 1st Battalion, 12th Marine Regiment, completed a three-day training exercise dubbed Spartan Fury 13.3, Tuesday through Thursday. Alpha Battery fired multiple 155 mm artillery shells from three M777 howitzers and Bravo Battery fired with two.

The “Kings of Battle” practiced various fire missions called in from their corresponding command stations and fired different amounts of artillery shells at the given coordinates. The entire exercise was in preparation for an upcoming infantry training exercise in August.

“These first two days are battery phases in which Alpha Battery and Bravo Battery are firing rounds downrange,” said Capt. John Huenefeld, Alpha Battery commander, 1st Bn., 12th Marines. “The last day of this exercise will be our battalion phase, in which the entire battalion will be handling multiple fire missions at a time. We don’t get to work together as a whole battalion very often, so we’ll be working hard to make sure operations go smoothly.”

During the battery phases, the individual teams manning the howitzers received a call and were given a set of coordinates along with a number of artillery shells to be fired. Each Marine had a specific job to make loading and firing the howitzer move quickly and precisely.

“It gets pretty hectic here on the firing line when we receive fire missions. We like to call it organized chaos,” said Lance Cpl. Thi Nguyen, a cannoneer with Alpha Battery, 1st Bn., 12th Marines. “A lot of the guys from Echo Battery were assigned to us when they deactivated, so we’ve got to adapt to each other because Alpha does things different than Echo did.”

After each shell was fired, the teams on the howitzers wasted no time loading the next round in the chamber.

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Lance Cpl. Matthew Bragg | Hawaii Marine

Sgt. Shamar Jackson, a cannoneer with Alpha Battery, 1st Battalion, 12th Marine Regiment, left, calls out repositioning coordinates for their M777 howitzer and the number of artillery shells to launch while Lance Cpl. Thi Nyugen, a cannoneer with Alpha Battery, 1st Bn., 12th Marines, writes down the fire mission during a training exercise at Schofield Barracks, Tuesday. Fire missions were sent from command stations behind the firing line, directing the individual teams on each gun coordinates for firing and how many rounds to send downrange.



Kristen Wong | Hawaii Marine

The commissary is currently open seven days a week. From July 8 to Sept. 30, the commissary will be closed Mondays, due to sequestration.

## Commissaries to close Mondays due to sequestration

**Kristen Wong**  
*Marine Corps Base Hawaii*

As sequestration continues across the Department of Defense, the Defense Commissary Agency is also feeling the strain. Effective July 8, and continuing through Sept. 30, commissaries worldwide will be closed Mondays, including the Marine Corps Base Hawaii commissary.

According to a memorandum for installation commanders, DeCA considered Mondays to be “slow sales days,” and therefore determined that closing on Monday would be the least inconvenient for customers.

“We’re going to be closed on Mondays, but for the remaining six days, we’re going

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MarForPac Band wins 101 Days of Summer Bowling Tournament, **B-1**



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Visit Chinaman’s Hat on the Windward side, **C-1**





# NEWS BRIEFS

## Families asked to complete HIDEOE survey

The Hawaii Department of Education is fielding an online survey to better understand parent perceptions and concerns of public education in Hawaii. They are looking to collect as large a statewide sample as possible for statistically-significant results. This benchmark survey will be fielded initially in June, with semi-annual follow-ups to understand changes in perceptions over time.

This survey is open to all residents of Hawaii with or without children in the public school system and is available until Thursday at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/DOEComm>. Call Teri Yamashige at 226-0078 or email [teriy@mac.com](mailto:teriy@mac.com) with questions.

## Base commissary plans for Monday furloughs

When furloughs are implemented, most military commissaries including Marine Corps Base Hawaii will close one day a week on Mondays. The closures will be for up to 11 days between July 8 and Sept. 30. Closing commissaries on Mondays would be in addition to any day stores are routinely closed. Stores that routinely close Mondays would also close the next normal day of operation. For more information, visit <http://www.commissaries.com>.

## Massachussetts to hold election for U.S. Senate

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts will hold a special general election for U.S. Senate, June 25, to fill the seat vacated by Sen. John Kerry. Active duty service members, their spouses, dependents, and U.S. government employees serving outside the territorial limits of the U.S. must submit a Federal Post Card Application to request an absentee ballot.

Register to vote and request an absentee ballot electronically, by mail or fax, using the Federal Post Card Application automated tool at <http://www.fvap.gov/request/request-ma.html>. Indicate on the FPCA how you would like to receive your absentee ballot (by mail, fax or email). The FPCA request deadline is before noon, Eastern Daylight Time, June 24. Note you will not receive a ballot automatically, even if you voted in the Nov. 6, 2012 general election.

The deadline for votes received by fax, email or mail from within the U.S. is before 8 p.m. EDT, June 25. Ballots completed “outside” the U.S. should be postmarked by June 25 and received before 5 p.m. EDT, July 5. For details, visit <http://www.FVAP.gov>, call 800-438-VOTE or DSN 425-1584 (CONUS)/312-425-1584 (OCONUS), or email [vote@fvap.gov](mailto:vote@fvap.gov). You can also contact your unit or installation voting assistance officers for assistance.

## Veterans Entrepreneurship Program

Applications are now being accepted for the Veterans Entrepreneurship Program through midnight Oct. 1. The VEP is an intense, eight-day training program at Oklahoma State University, which will cover topical modules comprising the critical areas of success for new and early stage ventures. These eight days are preceded by a five-week self-study component and are then followed by a 10-month period of mentorship and online peer-to-peer networking. Travel expenses, lodging and meals for the Phase II bootcamp are provided at no cost to each delegate. Applicants are notified of admission or rejection on a rolling basis. Final notification is made to all applicants by Oct. 25. Due to limited space, a signed commitment letter must be received within a week of acceptance. Applications are online at <http://entrepreneurship.okstate.edu/vep>. Contact Riata Center for Entrepreneurship at 405-744-7552, or at [vep@okstate.edu](mailto:vep@okstate.edu) with questions.

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# ‘LAVA DOGS’ RETURN FROM DEPLOYMENT

Cpl. Adam Culpepper, an anti-tank missileman with Headquarters and Service Company, 1st Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, greets his daughter at the annex parking lot, Wednesday. The “Lava Dogs” returned to Marine Corps Base Hawaii from their most recent deployment. “I’ve been waiting on this day since we left,” said the native of DeKalb, Texas. “(The deployment) was good. We went to a lot of different places and did a lot of different (activities).” More than 700 “Lava Dogs” deployed to Camp Schwab in Okinawa, Japan, for training and various exercises. Several of the companies traveled to other locations including Thailand and the Republic of Korea. “Sgt. Maj. (Daniel) Collins and I are tremendously proud of all the Marines and sailors of 1st Bn., 3rd Marines and what they were able to accomplish during this deployment,” said Lt. Col. Christopher O’Connor, commanding officer of 1st Bn., 3rd Marines. “Whether in Japan, Korea, or Thailand our young men performed as true professionals and left nothing but positive impressions as to the caliber of young Americans we have the honor to lead. In a time of uncertainty and change in mission focus, our battalion rose to the challenge and in true ‘Lava Dog’ fashion performed well above expectations.”



Kristen Wong | Hawaii Marine

# Mattingly passes command of VP-9 to Weiss



Petty Officer 1st Class Kory Kepner | Patrol Squadron 9

Cmdr. Brian D. Weiss, incoming commanding officer of Patrol Squadron 9 and his family watch as ushers reveal his name, newly painted on a P3-C Orion during the change of command ceremony, June 6.

## Lt. j.g. Becky Shaw

Patrol Squadron 9

Cmdr. Brian D. Weiss assumed command of Patrol Squadron 9 from Cmdr. Craig T. Mattingly during a ceremony in Hangar 104, June 6.

Capt. Christopher P. Ramsden, commanding officer of Commander, Patrol and Reconnaissance Wing 2, presided over the ceremony. He welcomed Weiss and commended Mattingly for leading VP-9 through a dynamic deployment where the Golden Eagles flew a record 196,804 mishap-free hours on station and added to their eight years of safety excellence.

Mattingly led the “Golden Eagles” to earn the prestigious Arleigh Burke Trophy for Pacific Fleet; recognizing the unit with greatest improvement in operational readiness.

Mattingly’s next assignment is with Commander Task Force 72 where he will assist Seventh Fleet operations.

Weiss served as executive officer during a dynamic Fifth and Sixth Fleet deployment. This is Weiss’ third

tour in Hawaii and second in VP-9. He originally served at Naval Air Station Barber’s Point from 1997-1999 with the Patrol Squadron 47 “Golden Swords-men” and then with VP-9 during his Department Head tour from 2006-2008.

Weiss became the 64th VP-9 commanding officer since the squadron’s establishment in 1951.

“Going forward, my philosophy for the squadron is simple and direct — continue to give your best every day. Act as if what you do makes a difference ... because it does,” Weiss said. “Stay on flight plan and remember that we’re always students in the aircraft and on the hangar deck. Continue to learn and do things by-the-book, the first time, every time.”

Assuming the duties as executive officer of the squadron will be Cmdr. Katrina L. Hill of Westminster, Md. She is joining VP-9 from U.S. Strategic Command in Omaha, Neb. This is Hill’s first tour in Hawaii.

“I am very happy to be joining the ‘Golden Eagles’ ohana and look forward to working with all the members of VP-9 as we continue our squadron’s proud tradition of outstanding performance,” Hill said.

# DEPUTY COMMANDANT VISITS, INSPECTS MCB HAWAII



Lance Cpl. Janelle Y. Chapman | Hawaii Marine

Lt. Gen. William Faulkner, the deputy commandant of installations and logistics, visits Marine Corps Base Hawaii to inspect the buildings and facilities on base, Tuesday. Faulkner visited different parts of the base including Kansas Tower, the airfield on Marine Corps Air Station Kaneohe Bay, and a newly-constructed barracks where he spoke with junior Marines about their newly-accommodated living quarters. “This is the first opportunity I’ve had to walk around and observe the new construction and existing buildings, and talk to the Marines on Marine Corps Base Hawaii,” Faulkner said. “Coming around and inspecting everything helps me see what’s actually being done and what needs further construction.”



# AROUND THE CORPS

## Marines go the distance with long-range raid

**Lance Cpl. Sullivan Laramie**  
*2nd Marine Logistics Group*

**MARINE CORPS AIR STATION YUMA, Ariz.** — Marines completed a long-range raid training event at the Western Barry M. Goldwater Range near Marine Corps Air Station Yuma, Ariz., June 3, as part of their pre-deployment training program, dubbed the Integrated Training Exercise based at Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center, Twentynine Palms, Calif.

During a combat mission, the battle zone is where the husk of the action takes place, but Marines are trained to account for every circumstance, not just the obvious risk in front of them.

A possible operation that Marine units have been training for is a long-range raid, which is unusual but still plausible.

“A long-range raid is an operation to achieve a mission that is over the horizon,” said Maj. Ronald Chino, a Tactical Training Exercise Control Group air shop “Coyote” and native of Bakersville, Fla. “It is out of the battle space of the regular missions and outside the reach of ground vehicles. Usually, it is done by air when you want to get your men in and out in a hurry.”

The long-range raid exercise was manufactured by TTECG, also known as the Coyotes, as part of the Integrated Training Exercise performed out of Twentynine Palms in the combat village at Western Barry M. Goldwater Range.

“For this long-range raid scenario we had terrorists in the village conducting a meeting with a high-valued individual,” said Chino. “The day prior the terrorists set up security, IEDs and weapons. The next morning the HVI traveled to the village for an important meeting. That is when the raid will take place.”

The training exercises was planned as a joint-service endeavor, with U.S. Army Operational Detachment Alpha special forces team of 10th Special Forces Group gathering reconnaissance prior to the raid.

The team was inserted a few kilometers away from the village, then marched toward the village and staged in the surrounding hills.

Once dug into their fighting positions, the team provided essential information to the Marines on terrorists’



Cpl. Zachary Scanlon | Marine Corps Air Station Yuma

**A Marine with 3rd Battalion, 1st Marine Regiment, based out of Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif., barks out maneuver orders during the raid assault in the combat village at the Western Barry M. Goldwater Range Yuma, Ariz., June 3.**

location, security and IED placements.

Although the Coyotes organized the raid, there was an extensive amount of preparation required before it could commence. Those essential components were arranged by the Marines of Marine Wing Support Squadron 272, based out of MCAS New River, N.C., and MWSS-371 from MCAS Yuma, Ariz.

The first priority was setting up a forward armed refueling point, which is a location where the aircraft can refuel away from the main base.

For this operation, MWSS-272, participating in most recent small scale exercise ITX, set up the FARP with assistance from MWSS-371, who provided the necessary equipment.

Chino explained that having a FARP for an exercise like this is not just a nice thing to have, but a necessity.

“It gives the training a more realistic feel to it, when it is actually too far

away from the main base,” said Chino. “Which is why we choose MCAS Yuma as the ideal spot for the raid.”

Flying into the combat village for the raid on CH-53E Super Stallions were the Marines of 3rd Battalion, 1st Marine Regiment, based out of Camp Pendleton, Calif., to begin the assault.

From their insertion point, the Marines located the HVI and simulated eliminating the enemy players. The mission wasn’t finished; a second insertion of a quick reaction force from the same unit secured and eliminated any other threats farther in the village.

“The goal for this raid was to exercise the aviation combat element, a part of this ITX, since aviation is important for this type of exercise (operation),” Chino said.

For this particular raid, the aviation was comprised of CH-53E Super Stallions attached to Marine Heavy

Helicopter Squadron 462, based out of MCAS Miramar, Calif., UH-1Y Venom utility helicopters attached to Marine Light Attack Helicopter Squadron 369, based out of Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif., as well as F/A-18 Hornets attached to Marine Fight Attack Squadron 314, based out of MCAS Miramar.

All of these units were part of the air combat element for this particular raid and the overall training, ITX.

Just as quickly as the Marines commenced the long-range raid, it was finished. Though it was only one mission of the month-long exercise ITX it was valuable because this type of training is performed so infrequently.

With this in mind, the Coyotes plan to continue this type of training in the future and expand upon it to provide a priceless asset to the fleet and the Marine Corps.

## ‘America’s Battalion’ returns to southern Helmand

**Lance Cpl. Mel Johnson**  
*Regimental Combat Team 7*

**CAMP DWYER, Afghanistan** — After years spent in Helmand province, the Marines are making strides toward bringing the last deployed service members home.

More than 900 men of 2nd Battalion, 8th Marine Regiment, rendered heartfelt goodbyes to their friends and family in late April. Many of them left on their second deployment with the battalion to southern Helmand since 2011. The Marines and sailors of “America’s Battalion” spent 12 months training and enduring endless hours in the sweltering sun of the California desert, readying for their mission here.

They relieved the “Shadow Warriors” of 3rd Battalion, 9th Marine Regiment, and took full control of operations on Camp Dwyer and its outlying forward operating bases.

The Marines prepared for situations across the spectrum of counterinsurgency operations, similar to those faced by the battalion during its previous deployment to Helmand province in 2011, but the Marines have found that no two deployments are the same.

Since their arrival here, many in the battalion on their second deployment have noticed big changes.

“I think the difference is as clear as night and day,”



Lance Cpl. David McKenzie | Regimental Combat Team 7

**Capt. James Geiger, company commander with Golf Company, 2nd Battalion, 8th Marine Regiment, Regimental Combat Team 7, shakes hands with Manaf, the Nawa District Governor at Forwarding Operating Base Geronimo, May 25.**

said Cpl. David Jewell, a company clerk with the Headquarters and Service Company. “When we first landed in Afghanistan (in 2011), we landed at Dwyer, which was a lot different than it is now.”

On his previous deployment with 2nd Bn., 8th Marines, Jewell, a Philadelphia native, was a patrol leader with the 81 mm mortar section.

“Last deployment, we were going on two patrols a day, clearing houses and interacting with local nationals,” Jewell said. “We worked with the Afghan National Security Forces, but now it’s like a whole new war. I didn’t expect the progress within the country to be as far as it is.”

The last time the battalion was here, the Marines worked shoulder-to-shoulder with their Afghan counterparts — now Marines have taken a back seat.

“The biggest difference is the mission,” said 1st Sgt. James Breland, a native of New Orleans and the company first sergeant with Headquarters and Service Company. “Last deployment was all about (counterinsurgency) operations, supporting the local forces, and interacting with the people. This time the focus is on letting the forces operate on their own, supporting the Security Force Assistance Advisor Teams who are training the local forces, and more logistics operations as the (U.S.) military transitions out of the country.”

While the Afghan forces continue to take the lead in operations, Marines like Breland and Jewell are passing down their knowledge and experience to young Marines on their first deployment.

## New York Marine receives Congressional Gold Medal

**Sgt. Kristin Moreno**  
*1st Marine Corps District*

**ROOSEVELT, N.Y.** — Robert L. Harding, an original Montford Point Marine, was awarded the Congressional Gold Medal at the Brig. Gen. George A. Jones Triangle, May 27.

The Congressional Gold Medal is the highest civilian award bestowed by Congress. In November 2011, the president signed into law a bill to award the medal to the Montford Point Marines for their distinguished service.

From 1942 to 1949, approximately 20,000 African-American men trained at Montford Point Camp in Jacksonville, N.C., for the

opportunity to defend our country and be called Marine. During this time, segregation was culturally accepted and still prevalent in the military. Because of their efforts and accomplishments in battle, the Marine Corps underwent significant changes leading toward greater equality and opportunity.

The Montford Point Association, veterans with the American Legion and approximately 150 local community members came out to the ceremony, including Harding’s granddaughter, Army Pfc. Brittney McKenzie, who is currently stationed at Fort Knox, Ky., with 201st Brigade Support Battalion, 1st Infantry Division.

“It is amazing to be able to share this opportunity with my grandfather,” said McKenzie, who is currently training for an upcoming deployment.

During Harding’s ceremony, a new monument was unveiled depicting the names of 29 local community veterans. The unveiling was preceded by a roll call for the veterans honored, lead by Town of Hempstead councilwoman Dorothy L. Goosby and a short speech by Charles Fuschillo Jr., New York State Senator for the 8th District, who said it is truly an honor to unveil the monument. It was proceeded by a 21-gun salute and the playing of taps.

McKenzie spoke on behalf



Lance Cpl. Glen Santy | 2nd Marine Aircraft Wing

**Robert L. Harding, an original Montford Point Marine, acts as the grand marshal for the Memorial Day parade in Roosevelt, N.Y., May 27.**

of her grandfather and said he accepts the award on behalf of the platoon he served with.

The diversity of today’s Marine Corps is in large part because of the actions and perseverance of the Montford Point Marines. In a message to all Marines, Gen. James F. Amos,

Commandant of the Marine Corps, said, “Of nearly 20,000 African-American Marines who went through Montford Point, approximately 200 still survive. The Congressional Gold Medal will honor all Montford Point Marines from a grateful nation and Marine Corps.”



# MAG-24 dives in, conducts mishap drill training

**Lance Cpl. Suzanna Lapi**  
Marine Corps Base Hawaii

As the deep, blue waters of Kaneohe Bay swelled and crested around them, Marines with Marine Aircraft Group 24 dove in to conduct annual mishap drill training, Tuesday.

The unit coordinated with Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 463, Marine Light Attack Helicopter Squadron 367, Helicopter Anti-submarine Squadron Light 37, Patrol Squadron 9, Marine Corps Air Station Kaneohe Bay, Marine Corps Base Hawaii Waterfront Operations, Federal Fire Department, and the Honolulu Fire Department for this training event.

Capt. John Kolb, an aviation safety officer with MAG-24 and a native of Rock Springs, Wyo., discussed the purpose for conducting this training.

"The drill is designed to exercise and enhance unit, station and emergency response procedures and coordination," Kolb said. "Conducting mishap drills in a safe and controlled environment builds familiarity with procedures, so that should an actual mishap occur, responders have developed some amount of muscle memory."

An UH-1Y Venom helicopter sent a simulated "mayday" call, signaling the beginning of the drill. Approximately one mile north of Pyramid Rock, the helicopter simulated a catastrophic mechanical failure, resulting in 14 survivors floating in the water.

The survivors used their survival equipment to remain afloat, signaled for help and made radio contact with the rescue vehicle. Air traffic controllers cleared the airspace of nonparticipating aircraft and directed a CH-53E Super Stallion helicopter to the scene to coordinate rescue efforts.

Navy Lt. Cmdr. Dan Immecker, an aviation flight physiologist with MAG-24 and a native of Orange City, Iowa, discussed the importance of mishap drill training.

"This is really a great opportunity to train like we fight," Immecker said.

As the CH-53E helicopter informed air traffic controllers of the status of the survivors, they directed the rescue vehicles. For the purpose of this drill, three rescue vehicles were used. There



Marines with Marine Aircraft Group 24 conduct annual mishap drill training, rescuing simulated survivors in Kaneohe Bay, Tuesday.

were two helicopters and a rescue boat from MCB Hawaii's Waterfront Operations.

The first 10 survivors were rescued by either being hoisted into or suspended below one of the two helicopters in a rescue basket. The final four survivors were rescued by boat. Once rescued, all survivors were taken to the casualty collection point and evaluated by medical personnel.

Maj. Chad Bignell, the director of safety and standardization with MAG-24 and native of Marietta, Ga., discussed their annual mishap drill training.

"The intent of this drill was to test our emergency response procedures and the linkages between the various agencies."

As the early afternoon sun reached its peak, the drill concluded with a debrief in which all agencies provided feedback.

Kolb said that by testing procedures and obtaining feedback from multiple perspectives, MAG-24's annual mishap drill ensures that MAG-24, MCAS, Federal Fire Department, and the Honolulu Fire Department are prepared to respond should a mishap occur.



Marines with Marine Aircraft Group 24 set flares during annual mishap drill training in Kaneohe Bay, Tuesday.



Marines with Marine Aircraft Group 24 dive in to conduct annual mishap drill training in Kaneohe Bay, Tuesday. MAG-24 coordinated with Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 463, Marine Light Attack Helicopter Squadron 367, Helicopter Anti-submarine Squadron Light 37, Patrol Squadron 9, Marine Corps Air Station Kaneohe Bay, Marine Corps Base Hawaii Waterfront Operations, Federal Fire Department, and the Honolulu Fire Department for this training event.



Marines with Marine Aircraft Group 24 conduct annual mishap drill training, rescuing simulated survivors with the help of Honolulu Fire Department in Kaneohe Bay, Tuesday.





# ‘PEGASUS’ SAYS FAREWELL TO SALINAS, WELCOMES ABOARD BREWER



Lance Cpl. Janelle Y. Chapman | Hawaii Marine

Sgt. Maj. Martin Brewer, (right) incoming sergeant major of Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 463, salutes Lt. Col. Richard Matyskiela, commanding officer of HMM-463 during his appointment ceremony at Hangar 102 on Marine Corps Air Station Kaneohe Bay, June 7. Brewer relieved Sgt. Maj. Rene Salinas, native of Chicago, as sergeant major of HMM-463. Salinas was the sergeant major of HMM-463 for three years and is now stationed at Marine Forces Reserve in New Orleans. Brewer, native of Clarkston, Wash., was the first sergeant of Headquarters and Service Company, 3rd Marine Regiment, before assuming his duties as sergeant major.

# CLASS 4-13 GRADUATES SERGEANTS COURSE



Lance Cpl. Janelle Y. Chapman | Hawaii Marine

Sgt. Christopher Smith, an aircraft non-destructive inspection technician with Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron 24, graduates as the honor graduate of Sergeants Course class 4-13 during a ceremony at the base theater on Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Tuesday. Sergeants Course is for sergeants to gain the knowledge and skills necessary to excel as leaders and noncommissioned officers.



# ‘Skinny Dragons’ fly home



Seaman Devin Menhardt | Patrol Squadron 4

The second of Patrol Squadron 4’s P-3C Orions returned home from a six-month deployment, June 4. The squadron deployed to the 5th and 6th Fleets’ area of operations in support of maritime patrol operations.

**Lt. Chris Pamfil**

*Patrol Squadron 4*

Patrol Squadron 4 returned in waves to Marine Corps Base Hawaii, landing at Hangar 105, from May 31 to June 8, following a six-month deployment in support of U.S. European Command, U.S. Africa Command, and U.S. Central Command objectives.

Upon arrival in theater, the “Skinny Dragons” responded to time-critical North African tasking. Additionally, upon assuming responsibility as Task Group 67.1, VP-4 was the first U.S. unit on station to assist in international rescue efforts following the crash of a U.S. Air Force F-16 from Aviano Air Base.

Moreover, VP-4 aircrew operating from Sigonella, Italy executed a complex 8,000-square nautical mile search for 98 men, women and children afloat off the coast of Libya. The pace of operations did not subside, and VP-4 continued to lean forward and provide maritime domain awareness to U.S. naval assets in theater.

If the “Skinny Dragons” established their baseline of excellence by rapidly responding to emergent tasking, then they cemented their claim as “Hawaii’s Best” maritime patrol squadron by displaying flexibility by executing missions from multiple detachment sites.

On order, VP-4 stood up detachment Commander Task Group 67.3 and relocated several combat aircrews that immediately helped in the effort to identify, locate and defeat violent extremists operating in the Maghreb. Additionally, VP-4 assumed duties as CTG-67.5 allowing the “Skinny Dragons” to provide nearly 2,000 hours of support to Operation Enduring Freedom Horn of Africa, Combined Task Forces 150 and 151.

Although tactical operations will always retain primacy for deployed units, VP-4 firmly grasped every opportunity to shine in other areas.

During North Atlantic Treaty Organization and international anti-submarine exercises Proud Manta 2013, Noble Dina 2013 and Joint Warrior 2013, the “Skinny Dragons” displayed their mastery of

the maritime domain by contributing 200 hours of dedicated anti-submarine warfare on some of the quietest submarines operating in the world today. Moreover, sailors from VP-4 completed more than 1,400 hours of community service, donated \$1,400 to the soup kitchen in Acireale, Italy, and raised \$16,688 for the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society.

During the deployment, the “Skinny Dragons” also maintained their 40-year safety record of 253,600 hours of “Class-A” mishap-free flying.

“Not only did we complete each and every task assigned to the squadron, but we did so safely and effectively,” said Cmdr. Brent M. Strong, commanding officer, VP-4. “This is not only a testament to the men and women of the ‘Skinny Dragon’ team, but also a validation of the outstanding training we received from Commander, Patrol and Reconnaissance Wing 2 prior to heading in theater. To our family and friends that supported us over the past six months, thank you. You mean the world to us and we could not do this job without you.”





Lance Cpl. Matthew Bragg | Hawaii Marine

An M777 howitzer launches a 155 mm artillery shell in response to a fire mission given to gun A with Alpha Battery, 1st Battalion, 12th Marine Regiment, during a training exercise at Schofield Barracks, Tuesday.

*ARTILLERY, from A-1*

When the fire mission ended, the groups entered a period of intermission, where they rested, ate chow and readjusted the positioning of the howitzers.

“The ground here is rocky and unstable, so we have to raise the howitzers to help weigh them down,” said Lance Cpl. Michael Richardson, a cannoneer with Alpha Battery, 1st Bn., 12th Marines. “To do this, we raise the howitzer up until the barrel is nearly vertical and it helps re-stabilize its position in the ground.”

During the intermissions, the teams also gathered in circles behind their howitzer to discuss the success of the fire mission just completed. Marines pointed out what went right and wrong, and how to improve for the upcoming mission.

“Safety is key, obviously, but in the end you just have to be able to trust your fellow Marines,” Nyugen said. “The best thing you can do is apply the fundamentals, pull the string and watch the howitzer go boom.”

On the last day of training, “Kings of Battle” extended their training to battalion phase.

Instead of Alpha and Bravo Batteries firing from one position, coordinates were occasionally called in and required them to move their howitzers to different positions.

“For battalion phase, we’ve got the entire battalion giving and receiving digital commands for switching positions and firing rounds downrange,” Huenefeld said. “Our main focus is to ensure our preparedness for providing combat artillery support for 3rd Marine Regiment during the infantry training exercise.”

*MORTAR, from A-1*

support and the general mission as well.”

As the call for fire came in, the mortarmen loaded their weapon systems, a M224A1 60 mm lightweight mortar, and provided three minutes of suppression by firing 10 rounds per squad.

Ninow said their job as mortarmen is essential to the overall mission.

“Providing support for squads is important and hones our skills,” Ninow said. “When they need support quickly, it keeps us on our

toes, and it’s nice to conduct this training. It’s more challenging, and a good steppingstone to move up to Pohakuloa Training Area next month. The more we work together during gun drills, the smoother everything becomes.”

Morris said live-fire training is beneficial, especially for him and the Marines of his section.

“This training evolution allows us to work better as a section,” Morris said. “We understand what we need to improve on. Coordinating with different elements brings everything into perspective.”

Lance Cpl. Paul Margeson, a mortarman with 2nd Bn., 3rd Marines and native of Springfield, Mass., said he is proud to be a mortarman.

“I have a lot of pride in my job, I love it and it’s not something everybody can do,” Margeson said. “Some people look at a mortar system and get confused. I know exactly what I need to do to get rounds downrange and provide support. In future deployments, I’m looking forward to going to new countries to train and learn from each other. It’s nice to know no matter where we go, we have allies and people to work with.”

*COMMISSARY, from A-1*

to be providing the best service we possibly can,” said Brad McMinn, zone manager, Zone 13, which incorporates all military commissaries in Hawaii.

There are a few exceptions to the rule. Commissaries that regularly close Mondays will observe their furlough day during the next operational day. Some overseas commissaries are able to avoid Monday closure altogether because they have enough “local national employees” available, who are not affected by sequestration.

“Growing up in the military (the commissaries have) always been closed on Mondays so it’s no big deal for me,” said Marine spouse April Myers. “Maybe it will do some of us some good to see how fortunate we are to have the commissary and their lower prices.”

Myers shops at the commissary as much as five times a week. When the commissary begins its Monday closures, Myers said she would instead shop at the mini marts or local stores off base. She said she would also make an effort to acquire necessities from the commissary before Monday.

“This is the military,” Myers said. “Adapting is a way of life.”

Some customers consider the commissary a “perk,” like Katie Roy, a personal trainer at the Semper Fit Center. Roy shops at the commissary twice a week.

“It’s one thing when you live somewhere without discount supermarkets, such as Walmart, or in a foreign country that doesn’t offer the same fare,” Roy said. “However, the commissary started as a bare-bones operation, carrying only what servicemen and women needed for sustenance. Today, there are 20 kinds of peanut butter. There are a million other grocery stores we can all go to on Monday if need be. Crowds on other days are a small price to pay for the discounts.”

Roy pointed out that many commissaries in her past experience were regularly closed once a week in order to restock their shelves.

“Because I am grateful for the commissary, I am also willing to be flexible,” Roy said. “Whatever they offer, and whatever times they are able to be open, I’ll make it work, but I don’t expect them to have to accommodate me fully.”

To find out more information about the commissary closures, visit <http://www.commissaries.com>. To find out hours for specific locations, click “locations,” then “alphabetical listing,” then “local store information.”



# Sports & Health



Lance Cpl. Nathan Knapke | Marine Corps Base Hawaii

A Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron 24 midfielder controls the ball while looking for an open teammate downfield during a match against Headquarters Battalion at Riseley Field, Monday. Despite Headquarters Battalion's greatest efforts, MALS-24 captured the win, 5-2.

## Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron 24 wins its first soccer game 5-2

**Lance Cpl. Nathan Knapke**

*Marine Corps Base Hawaii*

Marines and sailors from Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron 24 and Headquarters Battalion on Marine Corps Base Hawaii gathered their soccer teams at Riseley Field to begin the intramural soccer league, Monday.

In the beginning of the first 30-minute half, both teams had many opportunities to score. Headquarters Battalion and MALS-24's defense held up to keep the score at zero for both teams.

As the game progressed, the tide began to shift in the favor of MALS-24. They scored the first goal with 18 minutes left in the first half. Unfortunately for Headquarters Battalion, MALS-24

scored a second goal two minutes later and a third at eight minutes left.

Even though it was the first game of the season, MALS-24 figured out how each other played and started to gel as a team.

"Our offense really started to come together half way through the first half," said Franklin Junaylemus, a midfielder for MALS-24 who scored the third goal. "I dodged one defender and set myself up for a one-on-one opportunity with the goalkeeper. I just tapped the ball into the side of the goal for the score. It was my first goal of the season and I'm excited for the rest of the games to come."

The first half ended with MALS-24 on top with a 3-0 lead. At half time, players huddled together on opposite

sides of the field to receive some coaching for the second half.

Headquarters Battalion stepped up their game in the second half. Liam Lamarine, a forward for Headquarters Battalion, scored the first goal with 10 minutes into the second half to ignite the flame to lead his team back into the game.

Another Headquarters Battalion forward Ryan Harris, scored another goal shortly after Lamarine to bring them one step closer to topping the MALS-24 lead. Headquarters Battalion came within one goal of MALS-24 with a score of 3-2.

"It looked like we were going to rally back and take the lead," Lamarine said. "The Warriors have some good players

and after we scored our two goals, they got back into their groove and scored two more. We are missing a few key defensive players that could have played a huge role in tonight's game."

To Headquarters Battalion's misfortune, MALS-24 put up two more unanswered goals to end the game, 5-2.

"I noticed the goalie came out of the box, so I kicked it in right over his head," said Miguel Sandoval, a MALS-24 forward who scored the final goal to end the game. "We took advantage of many mistakes they made throughout the game. We have a lot of new players on the team this year, and we are only going to get better as the season progresses. I'm really looking forward to the rest of the season."

## MarForPac band takes first place in 101 Days of Summer Bowling Tournament

**Kristen Wong**

*Marine Corps Base Hawaii*

More than 100 participants shook the ground while knocking pins down for a chance to win the 101 Days of Summer Bowling Tournament, June 5 at K-Bay Lanes.

The U.S. Marine Corps Forces, Pacific Band walked away with a first place win for the second year in a row, followed by 1st Battalion, 12th Marine Regiment's team "N D Gutter," in a no-tap sweeper competition.

"The team right behind us was 10 pins behind and we won by 10 pins overall so it was really close," said Matthew Liebhart, a member of the MarForPac team.

Each participant in the 24 teams played three rounds of bowling. Units were able to receive up to a maximum of 150 points toward their overall 101 Days of Summer program score. Units were awarded 10 points for each of their participants, up to 15 people.

"Everyone had a great time and (the event) was a big success," said Elden Doi, the manager of K-Bay Lanes.

"I'm very happy we won," said Mark Gleason, a member of the MarForPac team. "This is the second year in a row, so we felt the pressure of defending our title this year."

Gleason, who bowled a combined score of 630 at the tournament this year, also bowls in the weekly league at K-Bay Lanes, and has competed in various tournaments including the Hawaii All-Military bowling tournament.

"It was great to see everybody having a good time bowling," Gleason said. "They did an outstanding job of hosting that many people and ensuring that everything ran smoothly."

"I think (101 Days of Summer is) beneficial not just during summer time but all the time. It's good to get Marines out of the barracks and doing fun stuff around the island," Gleason said.

Gleason said he looked forward to competing in the Runway Run, July 4.

"It's definitely a great idea," Liebhart said of the 101 Days of Summer program. "(The program) brings a lot of people together that normally wouldn't see each other (from various units, and) it's healthy competition."

Liebhart, who took up bowling a year ago, also bowls in the weekly bowling league at K-Bay Lanes, and was invited to join the MarForPac Band team.

"It was fun and very different from the other regular leagues that I play in," said Joshua Chenoweth, a member of "N D Gutter." "Overall it was an amazing set of games played by our team."

Chenoweth, an avid bowler for the last six years, is currently involved in the Monday night Commander's Cup League on base and a U.S. Bowling Congress-sanctioned league on Tuesdays in the evening. This year marked his first 101 Days of Summer bowling tournament, having heard about the event at the last minute from his neighbor, who was also participating.

Chenoweth, who scored a combined total of 461 at the tournament, said what he likes about the 101 Days of Summer program is the fact that the program offers Marines alternative activities to drinking and partying. He said he hopes to participate in the tournament again next year.

"There is so much to do on this island," Chenoweth said. "It's a shame that so many Marines spend their time in their rooms or in bars. Getting them to be active and involved helps open the eyes of some to the other opportunities there are here on the island."

He said the Kings of Battle have not been able to participate in the program this year as often as other units, most likely because of their operational schedule.

"It focuses on activities centered around teamwork and having fun responsibly," Chenoweth said. "Showing our junior service members what it means to be responsible and plays a key role in today's society when young men and women take drinking and partying to the extreme."

The next events in the program are the 101 Days of Summer Health, Wellness and Fitness Fairs, and are scheduled for Wednesday, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Camp H.M. Smith and June 26, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Mokapu Mall. There will be demos, displays, and classes. Units can earn up to 200 points by attending the fairs. For more information, call the Health Promotion Office at 254-7636.



Jay Parco | Marine Corps Base Hawaii

Jeffrey Wulff, of the Marine Corps Air Station Kaneohe Bay team, takes his turn during the 101 Days of Summer Bowling Tournament at K-Bay Lanes, June 5.





**KNAPKE**



**LAPI**

Versus is a recurring column tackling debatable issues in the sports and entertainment world. Hawaii Marine readers can submit a subject for future columns by emailing their ideas to [HawaiiMarineEditor@gmail.com](mailto:HawaiiMarineEditor@gmail.com). If there’s a topic you would like to discuss/defend or if you think we missed the mark, let us know and you could see your “opinion,” regardless of how wrong it is, featured below. Suit up ladies ... it’s game time.

# Can Miami Heat repeat, stay hot in NBA finals?

**Lance Cpl. Nathan Knapke VS. Lance Cpl. Suzanna Lapi**

**KNAPKE:** The Miami Heat and San Antonio Spurs are the two most talented teams in the National Basketball Association, and they are fighting for the NBA finals championship. The series got off to an interesting start with the Spurs winning the first game and the Heat taking the second. The Heat managed to beat the Indiana Pacers, who are arguably one of the most physical teams in the NBA. Although it took the Heat a couple of games to determine the game plan to beat the Pacers, they still won the series. The Heat will figure out the best way to defeat the Spurs as they did the Pacers. I believe the series will go to either six or seven games but there is no team that can beat the Heat in the championship.

**LAPI:** The Spurs are going to dig in their heels and burn the Heat because of all-star players like Tony Parker and Tim Duncan. Even LeBron James said Duncan is, “probably the most consistent, most dominant player that we’ve had in 15 years.” I’m sure we can trust LeBron’s opinion. The championship veteran duo of Parker and Duncan are bosses on the court, which I’m sure you already know. The Spurs’ leading offense will cause the Heat some heartburn. Miami has yet to face a team offensively capable as the Spurs are. The Spurs will put out whatever heat Miami tries to bring.

**KNAPKE:** The Spurs better dig in because when the Heat burn past them, there won’t be anything left but ashes. The Spurs have some veteran players but who they don’t have is LeBron James. He is the best player in basketball and is the most valuable player when championships are on the line. I don’t know if you checked, but the Heat’s LeBron James, Dwyane Wade and Chris Bosh won the NBA finals last year and will overcome your championship duo of Parker and Duncan. This is the Heat’s third consecutive visit to the championship. They should just make it their permanent home due to the fact they are there so often.

**LAPI:** It’s funny you mentioned Dwayne Wade. Isn’t he playing with a bad knee? If you didn’t know, the answer is yes. And Bosh twisted his ankle, which means two of the players you mentioned may not be as overcoming as you’re hoping they are. The Spurs are healthy and ready to kick in the door of the championship house. The game of basketball involves more than just one player. We all know there is no “I” in team. It takes a team to win, and your team is literally hurting.

**KNAPKE:** You’re right, I didn’t know they were hurt, but when you watch

them play, you don’t notice they’re hurt. I like how you downplay the “Lebron James factor,” you should stop right in your tracks because what you’re saying is ludicrous. It does take more than one player to win, that’s probably why each team puts five players on the court. It’s when you have that special one, two or even three players who open the rest of the court to everyone else. The Heat makes good use of every talent on their team. I’m not saying the Spurs aren’t good or maybe even great, I’m saying the Heat has it all, and they have what it takes to win. This is their third consecutive time to the championship and they’ll win for the second time in a row.

**LAPI:** It’s funny that you didn’t notice they are hurt. Bosh has failed to score in the double digits since turning his ankle. Wade scored 20 points only twice in the playoffs. Why should people trust your opinion of the Heat when you don’t even pay attention to them? Everyone is so focused on James, no one wants to admit that the rest of his team can’t get on his level and will lose it for the Heat. The Spurs are too well coached to lose to a team that depends heavily on one player. The Heat will get stopped and stomped by the Spurs, hands down.

## SPOTLIGHT ON SPORTS BRIEFS

### Join the First Tee of Hawaii

The First Tee of Hawaii is offering its junior golf program free of charge to children of active duty, reservist and National Guard service members. The program is open to children ages 7 to 18 at the Bay View Golf Range Driving range on Kaneohe Bay Drive, Sundays at 11 a.m. The program teaches valuable life skills, and participants learn how to play golf. To register, show up to practice Sundays at 11 a.m. For details, go to <http://www.thefirstteehawaii.org> or call 478-3466.

### Sign up for health promotion classes

During the 101 Days of Summer program there will be health promotion classes offered. The amount of points awarded to the unit will be based on percentage of unit that takes classes. Contact the Health Promotion Office to schedule Unit training. Classes available include tobacco prevention, injury prevention, nutrition, chronic disease prevention, physical fitness, alcohol and substance abuse, STD/HIV Transmission and Prevention. For more information about Unit training, call 254-7636.

### Camp Smith conducting fitness survey

Camp H.M. Smith will be opening a new Semper Fit Center this fall and is conducting a survey for potential fitness classes. The survey is found at <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/CampSmithFitness>.

### Register for K-Bay Pop Warner youth tackle football, competition cheer

K-Bay Pop Warner youth tackle football and competition cheer registration for the 2013-14 season will take place this Saturday from 1 to 4 p.m. Registration will take place at Mokapu Mall, Saturday. We provide youth tackle football, and cheer for kids ages 5-15. Those motivated to volunteer with the children, whether coaching or other opportunities are welcome. For more information, please visit <http://www.patriotsnation.us>, call Timothy Craig, 512-507-

7377, or email [president@patriotsnation.us](mailto:president@patriotsnation.us).

### 101 Days of Summer volunteers needed

The Health Promotion Office needs volunteers for the 101 Days of Summer events to help at the health fairs, the field meet and the final Nuupia Ponds Fun Run/Walk. Call Karley Peterson at 254-7593 or Neil Morgan at 254-7636 with questions.

### Units invited to attend 101 Days of Summer health, wellness and fitness fairs

The 101 Days of Summer health, wellness and fitness fairs are scheduled for Wednesday, June 19 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Camp H.M. Smith and Wednesday, June 26, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Mokapu Mall. There will be demos, displays, and classes. Units can earn up to 200 points — 10 points per person; maximum 20 people. For more information, call 254-7636.

### Compete in 101 Days of Summer swim meet

The 101 Days of Summer swim meet is scheduled for Friday, June 21 at 7 a.m. The entry deadline June 19 at 5 p.m. Individual events include the 50-meter Backstroke, 50-meter breaststroke, 50-meter butterfly, 50-meter freestyle, 200-meter individual medley (50 meters of each stroke) butterfly, backstroke, breaststroke, and freestyle. Units can also enter four-person 50-meter relays for butterfly, backstroke, breaststroke, freestyle and a team medley of all four styles. The 120 points — 20 points per person; maximum of six people. For more information about event, call 254-7636.

### Sign up for Runway Run

The Commanding Officer’s Fitness Series Runway Run is scheduled for July 4 at 6:30 a.m. Register for the run at Semper Fit Center. For more information, call 254-7590.

### Volunteers needed at 2013 Tinman Triathlon

Volunteers are needed for various tasks before,

during and after the 2013 Tinman Triathlon, July 28. There are various volunteer opportunities during the triathlon, including run-course marshals. High school and college volunteers are needed for four hours at the bike/run transition corral, starting at 5:30 a.m., July 28. Volunteers are sought for manual labor, setting up July 27 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and breaking down July 28 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Approximately 10 to 15 equipment crew volunteers are needed July 28, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., to break down the bike corral, and transport all equipment after the race. T-shirts, vests and arrows will be distributed and must be returned to a coordinator at the bike corral. Provide names, T-shirt sizes and parking passes by July 18. For details, call Joan Davis at 535-9070 or email [jrdva4vp@hotmail.com](mailto:jrdva4vp@hotmail.com). **Compete in Tradewind Triathlon** The Tradewind Triathlon is scheduled for Aug. 11 at 6:30 a.m. Register for the run at Semper Fit Center. For more information about the race, contact the varsity sports coordinator at 254-7590.

### Compete in 101 Days of Summer field meet

The 101 Days of Summer field meet is scheduled for Aug. 16 at Riseley Field. The entry deadline is Aug. 14. Events will include volleyball, horseshoes, tire flip, 100-yard dash, tug-o-war, big trike race and joust. Points awarded to units will vary based on events entered. For more information, call 254-7636.

### Compete in Shank and Slice Golf Tournament

The Shank and Slice Golf Tournament is scheduled for Aug. 23 at the Kaneohe Klipper Golf Course. Participants may start checking in at 11:30 a.m. and there will be a shotgun start at 12:30 p.m. Units can earn up to 150 points — 10 points per person; maximum 15 people, toward the 101 Days of Summer program. Participants must register by Aug. 15. For more information about event, contact Karley Peterson at 254-7593.





ENERGY CORNER

COOLING OFF

If you can control your thermostats or have an approved window unit under your care, these are the tips for finding the right balance between comfort, energy conservation and energy efficiency.

Turn air conditioners off at the end of the day and when you leave the room for an extended period of time. All window units should be shut off when not in the room.

It is very important to make sure there is a good seal around window units so it doesn't allow hot air and humidity to sneak in around the edges.

Set the thermostat for no lower than 76 degrees Fahrenheit, the minimum for cooling, which is the Marine Corps Base Hawaii commanding officer's policy. Setting the thermostat lower will not cool the room faster, but it will overcool the space and waste energy.

Use a fan to move the air and feel cooler. Try to use just the fan and leave the air conditioner off when the weather permits.

Limit air conditioning operational hours to a maximum of five hours per day for window air conditioning units, ductless split-systems, and air conditioning systems controlled by occupants.



Please set air conditioner thermostats at 76 degrees fahrenheit or higher. Programmable thermostats should be set-back to 82 degrees fahrenheit during unoccupied periods. The Facilities Department will reset central air conditioning system temperature controls accordingly.



Crime Prevention Tip of the Month

**The summer months are upon us, and PMO encourages communities to practice extra vigilance when ensuring children and belongings remain safe. PMO recommends to properly secure all personal belongings, vehicles and garage doors. Every community can do their part to prevent theft or larceny and present a hard target. Be sure to report any vandalism or suspicious activity to the Provost Marshal's Office by calling the desk sergeant at 257-2123.**

PMO contact numbers and locations

To report suspicious activity/behavior or for non-emergency calls, contact the desk sergeant:  
**257-1018/2123 (building 1096)**

For information regarding check in/out, fingerprinting, or weapon registration, contact:  
**257-6994 (building 1095)**

For information regarding pet registration, fishing regulations, or lost/found animals, contact the PMO game warden:  
**257-1821 (building 3099)**

For information regarding vehicle decals, base passes, and vehicle registration, contact:  
**257-2047/0183 (building 1637/1095 for MCB Hawaii)**  
**477-8734/8735 (building 601 for Camp H.M. Smith)**

For information regarding traffic regulations, citations, or traffic court, contact the Traffic Court bailiff:  
**257-6991/6992 (building 1095)**

For all other numbers not listed, contact base information:  
**449-7110**

For more information, visit the PMO website:  
**<http://www.mcbhawaii.marines.mil/Departments/ProvostMarshalsOffice.aspx>**

**In an emergency, call 911**

Topic of the Month

The Drug Education for Youth Program is open for children ages 9 through 12. The DEFY program provides children with access and examples of tools and techniques to resist drugs such as developing leadership skills, instilling positive social skills through participation in team-building, conflict resolution, and decision making activities. Food, drinks, transportation and supplies will be provided. DEFY is seeking volunteer mentors (must meet eligibility requirements). Eligible mentors must be military dependents or a military member and must be able to make a one year commitment to the program. The POC for DEFY is Molly Pope at 257-8312.

PMO offers House Check Program

The House Check Program is a PMO service offered to aid you in the protection of your home and belongings. The purpose of the program is to protect property and prevent or detect burglary, vandalism, and other crimes.

Due to the unique makeup of our community, residents frequently go on leave or deployment and their residence may be unoccupied for extended periods of time. Please contact the Crime Prevention Section and you will be guided through the process to apply. For more information about the program, call Molly Pope at 257-8312.



## COMMUNITY BRIEFS

### Royal Hawaiian Band to perform

Following a brief hiatus while the Kapiolani Park bandstand underwent repairs, the Royal Hawaiian Band has resumed its weekly Sunday concerts at the popular outdoor venue.

The public is invited to join the band for the free, hour-long concerts beginning every Sunday at 2 p.m. Limited free parking is available in the bandstand parking lot. Early arrival is advised. For details, visit <http://www.rhb-music.com> or call 922-5331.

### ASYMCA hosting childbirth class

Childbirth classes are being offered at the Armed Services YMCA on base. Dates for upcoming group class series are June 20 and June 27. There is a fee for classes, in a series of five sessions, from 6:30 to 9 p.m.

The class covers topics including pregnancy comfort and nutrition, and stages and phases of labor. This class does not cover the benefits or drawbacks of drugs. It's about preparation and building confidence for the big day. The best time to take childbirth education is when the mother-to-be is about 30 weeks along in her pregnancy. Military spouse Nicia Platt is a Lamaze-certified childbirth educator and teaches the course. Call 780-1357, email [nicia@rightpathbirthclass.com](mailto:nicia@rightpathbirthclass.com), or visit <http://www.rightpathbirthclass.com> for details.

### Take time for Talk Story Camp

Come to the 3rd annual Talk Story Camp, July 19 to 21, for three days and two nights of stories at Camp Paumalu on the North Shore of Oahu.

There will be local storytellers and mainland guests, food, hikes, workshops and more. For details, email [jeffgere@lava.net](mailto:jeffgere@lava.net) or call 737-1774.

### Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard seeking apprentices

Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard and Intermediate Maintenance Facility is seeking apprentices. Apprentices receive full-time employment, hands-on training, and a tuition-free Applied Trades degree from Honolulu Community College. Applications must be submitted through <http://www.usajobs.gov>. For details, visit <http://www.phnsy.navy.mil>.

### Art gallery hosts various exhibits

Andrew Rose Gallery will host “Contemporary Hawaiian Landscape Painting,” an exhibition which runs through June 28. The exhibit features gallery artists including Noreen Naughton and Mark Kadota.

The exhibit to follow, “On Paper II,” is scheduled from July 15 to Sept. 27, with a reception July 18. The exhibit presents paintings, drawings and prints

on paper by gallery and invited artists. Hours of operation are Monday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., and by appointment. Parking is left at Alakea Street before Hotel Street. For more information, contact the gallery at [press@andrewrosegallery.com](mailto:press@andrewrosegallery.com) or 599-4400.

### Enjoy Father’s Day weekend with free fun at Windward Mall

The mall will host the Royal Hawaiian Band and the free East End Hot Rod Club car show, Saturday. The concert runs from 10 to 10:45 a.m. and the car show is from 5 to 9 p.m., in the Windward Mall parking lot.

### Join Vacation Bible School

The Chaplain Joseph W. Estabrook Chapel is inviting children to register for Vacation Bible School: “Kingdom Rock — where kids stand strong for God.” Kids will learn and experience Bible stories and adventures, sing songs, play team-building games, enjoy snacks, and engage their imaginations with science gizmos and experiments. Vacation Bible School will be held at the base chapel, June 24 through 28, from 9 a.m. to noon. Registration will be accepted for children from 4 years old to those who have completed sixth grade. Visit the chapel to pick up a registration form. For more information, call 257-3522.

### Spend the summer at Blue Star Museums with free admission

From Memorial Day to Labor Day, Blue Star Museums offers free admission to more than 1,800 museums. The offer is extended to active duty military, including Army, Navy, Air Force, Coast Guard, Marines, National Guard, and reservists with up to five family members. Text BLUE to 411247 to join Blue Star Families and receive SMS broadcasts about special events, news, sweepstakes and stories written by and about military families. Go to <http://www.arts.gov>, for more information.

### Volunteer to keep Oahu’s natural environment clean

Hui o Koolaupoko is a nonprofit group dedicated to restoring Windward Oahu’s watershed for a cleaner ocean. The group seeks volunteers for its monthly cleanups to remove invasive pest plants and preserve the watershed.

Volunteers are needed tomorrow for Heeia Stream from 8 to 11 a.m. and June 22 from 8 a.m. to noon for Hakipuu Stream. Wear work clothes, sunscreen and bug repellent. Bring your own tools and snacks.

Participants under 18 must bring a signed waiver and those under 16 must attend with an adult. Drop-ins are welcomed, but participants should RSVP if possible. For more information, call 381-7202.

## MARINE MAKEPONO

Means ‘Marine Bargains’ in Hawaiian

**Kaneohe studio apartment for rent.** Large deck with ocean view of Chinaman’s Hat and Marine Corps Base Hawaii. Includes custom bathroom with hot tub/shower, covered parking, refrigerator and sink with disposal. No smoking or barbecuing. \$1,300. Call 239-5459 for details.

*If you would like to sell, buy or trade something in the Marine Makepono section of the Hawaii Marine, fill out a form at the Marine Corps Base Hawaii Public Affairs Office in building 216, room 19. Please have your military ID and a short write-up of what you’d like to run. You can fill out the form on the spot or return it to the office later. Emails, faxes and telephone calls are not accepted for Makepono classified ads. Marine Makepono may only be used by active duty, reserve, retirees or their immediate families.*



# Hawaii Marine Lifestyles

A view of the Koolau Mountains is seen in the distance from atop Mokolii in Kaneohe Bay. The island, commonly referred to as Chinaman's Hat, is nicknamed for the way the island is shaped.



## MOKOLII: ALL-IN-ONE PARADISE WITHIN WALKING DISTANCE

Story and photos by  
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**KANEOHE, Hawaii** — Many people looking to seclude themselves from the busy city life and tourist attractions of Oahu will enjoy the small but beautiful island of Mokolii. Located off the Koolau Mountains in Kaneohe Bay, Mokolii is a small cone-shaped island that's sure to offer goers a "cast away" feeling without actually being cast away from society.

Accessible by surfing, kayaking, swimming or walking during low tide, Mokolii is a great little charm that offers an adventure to those willing to make the trip. With 12.5 acres of land and a height of 206 feet, Mokolii is the place to go for anyone wanting to enjoy a natural wonder surrounded by the ocean.

Hawaiian legend says a giant lizard lost a battle to a deity, who then threw the lizard's tail into the ocean. This is why the island is named Mokolii, meaning "little lizard." Coincidentally, the island also looks like a "chinaman's hat," and has been widely dubbed the nickname in resemblance to the cone-shaped hat Chinese immigrants wore during the early 19th century.

Getting to the island is a simple walk from the shoreline in Kaneohe, Hawaii. After a quick trek across the reef during low tide, the island can be reached in as little as 15 minutes. Anyone wanting to walk to Chinaman's Hat is encouraged to travel during low tides and wear old tennis shoes or water shoes to avoid getting cut by the reef.

On the island there are two main attractions: The climb and the cove. After reaching the island, hikers can make the climb to the top of Mokolii. The ascent to the top follows a narrow pathway, which eventually leads to rock walls that can be climbed. After climbing the walls, it's just a few short steps away to the top, and viewers are rewarded with an amazing panoramic view of the Koolau Mountains and Kaneohe Bay.

"The view is absolutely breathtaking," said Lance Cpl. Duncan



Mokolii, an island commonly referred to as Chinaman's Hat, sits 1/3 of a mile offshore from Kaneohe, Hawaii. The island is open to the public and is accessible by swimming, kayaking or walking from the park's shoreline during low tide.

Hasler, a distribution management office clerk. "This island is like a gem in the ocean, and anyone can come enjoy what it has to offer."

While standing at the top of Chinaman's Hat, viewers can see a cove on the eastern side of the island. To get there, viewers can make their way back down the trail. From the shore, hikers can walk on the rocks around the island leading to the eastern part of Mokolii. The beach cove is a great place to swim and enjoy small waves.

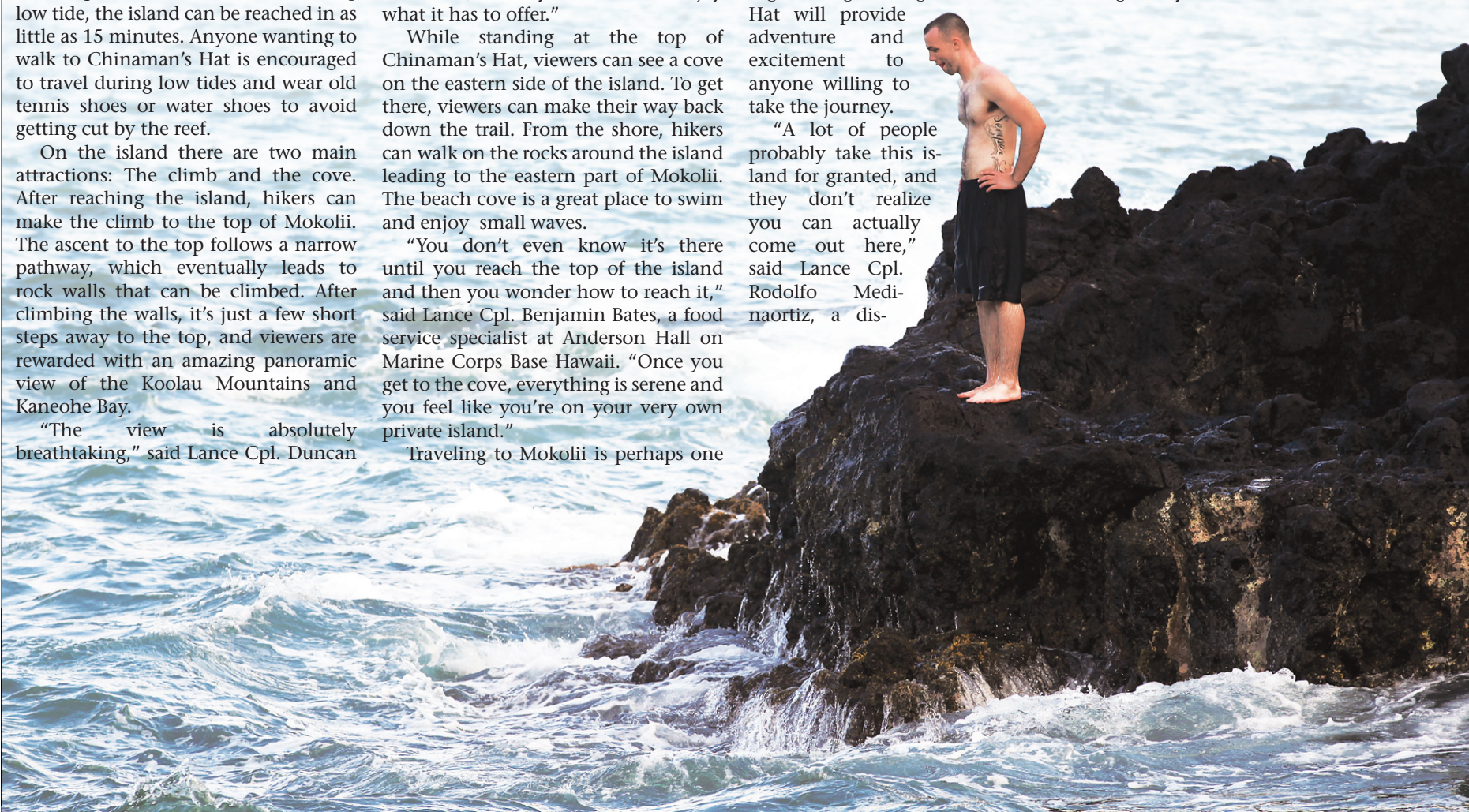
"You don't even know it's there until you reach the top of the island and then you wonder how to reach it," said Lance Cpl. Benjamin Bates, a food service specialist at Anderson Hall on Marine Corps Base Hawaii. "Once you get to the cove, everything is serene and you feel like you're on your very own private island."

Traveling to Mokolii is perhaps one

of the best places to visit on Oahu. Combined with swimming, hiking, climbing and sightseeing, Chinaman's Hat will provide adventure and excitement to anyone willing to take the journey.

"A lot of people probably take this island for granted, and they don't realize you can actually come out here," said Lance Cpl. Rodolfo Medinaortiz, a dis-

tribution management office clerk. "Being on this island feels like a perfect getaway."



Lance Cpl. Benjamin Bates, a food service specialist at Anderson Hall Marine Corps Base Hawaii, stands on the edge of some rocks near a cove on Mokolii, an island that sits 1/3 of a mile off the shoreline in Kaneohe, Hawaii. People can relax and swim in a secluded cove.



# PASS IN REVIEW

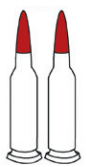
Your weekly guide to the best aspects of entertainment

Welcome to the Pass In Review, your No. 1 source for cinema, music, video game, book and product reviews. The Pass In Review crew consists of more than 10 critics, each with their own idea of what makes a movie, album, game, product or book great. So be sure to take advantage of the Better Know A Critic section, which spotlights this week’s critics to better help you choose the critic with opinions most like your own. Using our breakthrough four-point scale system, you can quickly decipher what is worth your time and what isn’t, or read the full review for an in-depth analysis and explanation of the rating. The rating system uses ammunition and range terminology, so if you’re not familiar, here’s a quick breakdown of the ratings ...

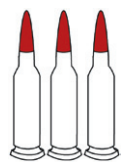
**1/4 — No Impact, No Idea**  
Horrendous. Among the worst of the worst in its genre. Dedicating time to this is not only wasteful, but unforgivable. Avoid at all costs.



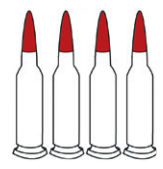
**2/4 — High And To The Right**  
Mediocrity at its best. Lacks a few things that might have made it really good. A decent time waster, partake only if there’s nothing better to do.



**3/4 — On Target**  
Praiseworthy. A great endeavor, not quite an instant classic but still very entertaining. This is a sound investment of your time.



**4/4 — Confirmed Kill**  
Genius. In the top 10 percent of its genre. This is the stuff legends are made of. Missing out on it would be a disservice to yourself.



*So, there you have it and we hope you enjoy our weekly reviews. Don't forget, the Hawaii Marine accepts submissions from its readers so if you consider yourself a film buff, music aficionado, gaming geek or bookworm, feel free to submit your own reviews.*

## Chinua enlightens, but doesn’t entertain

**Grace Qiu**  
*Marine Corps Base Hawaii*

Many people can identify with the difficulties of growing up under the shadow of someone else. Issues of making your own identity, conforming to societal norms, all the while standing by your own beliefs are understood across cultural boundaries. This is why Chinua Achebe wrote one of the first internationally-acclaimed novels of African origin titled “Things Fall Apart,” a fictional story about one specific African society’s reaction to the introduction of European culture.

Okonkwo, a leader of an African tribe in the 1890s, achieved his respected position because of his drive to prove he was not like his father: Lazy and cowardly. He did so by building his own homes, winning wrestling matches among the beating of drums, and planting hundreds of yams. In the end, he gained enormous wealth and respect, symbolized in Umuofia culture by numerous huts and wives. However, when a murder takes place between Umuofia and another village,

Okonkwo ends up adopting a boy from that other village as part of the resolution. Ikemefuna eventually grows to become fond of his new village and new family, and earns himself a spot in cold, emotionless Okonkwo’s heart.

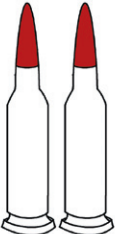


Tragically, the resolution to the murder is completed many years later when Okonkwo is informed his adopted son must die. In order to not appear weak (a quality Okonkwo likens to his father), Okonkwo kills Ikemefuna with his own hands despite warnings of retribution from their African gods. Be it because of this incident or not, after this event Okonkwo ends up killing a boy by accident during a funeral. He is stripped of his wealth and title, and is forced to leave the village with his family and go to a village called Mbanta. There, he is first exposed to the encroaching Europeans, which leads to his imminent death because of his inability to accept change from Umuofia tradition.

My greatest critique is that this novel was hard to begin. The foreign names and traditionally-relevant words were difficult to keep track of, but after a couple of chapters I got used to their spellings and customs. This critique is something that cannot be helped, as this novel is about a culture that is foreign to most Western readers. The only way to get past it is to trudge forward.

Despite this drawback, this novel somehow felt more and more relatable in a strange way. The major concepts explored are ones that everyone can identify with: Ethical and moral boundaries, obligations to society, struggling with one’s standing in said society, etc. Scenes are dramatic and engaging because they are so foreign; I found myself drawn in to everyday life in Igbo communities as I yearned to understand more. This novel is not a light read despite its thin size, this is more of an academic novel than one for fun. As such, I would recommend only for people who are in the mood for something drastically different, somewhat sobering, and mentally-taxing.

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(High and to the Right)

## ‘Man of Steel’: Summer’s biggest blockbuster

**Cpl. James A. Sauter**  
*Marine Corps Base Hawaii*

With the passing of Memorial Day, June is wide open for a fresh summer blockbuster to dominate the movie multiplex. Audiences everywhere were graced with the original thriller, “Now You See Me,” but ho-hummed with, “The Purge,” and “The Internship,” during the first week of June. But with “Iron Man 3,” and “Star Trek” out of the picture, the rest of the summer will be awed by the epic return of Superman in Zack Snyder’s “Man of Steel.”

If anyone had to be credited to making this movie a success, it would be Christopher Nolan — the brilliant filmmaker behind “The Dark Knight” Batman trilogy. After being signed on as producer, Nolan brought with him David Goyer, the trilogy’s screenwriter to pen the script and bring Superman back into the audience’s view. Combined with Warner Brother’s blessing to reboot the franchise, “Man of Steel” was built to exceed the modern audience’s

expectation for fiction meets realism. “Man of Steel” follows the same formula “Batman Begins” did when telling the story of how Clarke Kent/Kal-El becomes Superman. Up until the second half of the film when Superman protects the world from annihilation, the film jumps between events in the contemporary setting when Kent is discovering his identity and flashbacks of his childhood and the challenges of being different from other people.

Snyder’s style of telling a person’s story during two different times of their life is easy to follow but probably could have been made linear. Bruce Wayne’s childhood story in “Batman Begins” followed the linear approach and worked just as well. So for the sake of wondering

about the time-frame in the movie, the latter would have a better choice.

Henry Cavill’s portrayal of Superman was noteworthy, especially on the part of actually achieving the physical appearance of Superman. But the biggest factor in making Superman believable to the modern audience is the choice and portrayal of the villain. The greater the threat, the greater the hero and that threat is the megalomaniac General Zod (Michael Shannon).

The battle between Superman and another Kryptonian is perfect because they have the same super powers and abilities. There’s also contrast in the fact that Superman is still new to being the word’s savior, while Zod was predetermined and trained from infancy to be a soldier and a warrior.

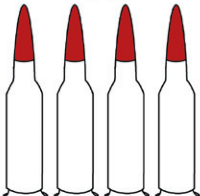


Their struggle becomes a clash of gods as they battle to the death in spectacular special effects while the rest of the world crumbles into debris and destruction.


Unfortunately, the only mistake the filmmakers can’t seem to avoid is bringing the military into the picture. They’re portrayed as dogmatic in their understanding that advanced aliens with superior intellect and technology are on Earth to kill Superman and destroy the planet. Too many movies besides this one do the same thing and it’s time Hollywood does something without bringing the military into the picture.

“Man of Steel” is and will be the best summer blockbuster for the rest of the 2013 season. This movie is worthy of an Academy Award for Best Special Effects or at least a few Saturn Awards. See it once then plan on seeing it again.

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(Confirmed Kill)



**Prices:** All shows are \$3.25 for adults and \$2.25 for children. For ticket pricing, the Base Theater Box Office defines an adult as a patron 12 and older and defines a child as a patron from 6 to 11. Children 5 and younger are admitted free of charge. Parents must purchase tickets for R-rated movies in person at the box office for children 16 and younger. Patrons must present their military identification card when purchasing tickets. Call **254-7642** for recorded information.



“Iron Man 3” PG-13	Today   7:15 p.m.
“Pain & Gain” R	Today   9:45 p.m.
“Despicable Me” PG	Saturday   7:15 p.m.
“Tyler Perry’s: Peeples” PG-13	Saturday   9:45 p.m.
“The Incredibles” PG	Sunday   2 p.m.
“Mud” PG-13	Sunday   6:30 p.m.
“The Big Wedding” R	Wednesday 6:30   p.m.



# ‘Leathernecks’ tour returns to K-Bay, features new, veteran performers

Story and photos by Kristen Wong

Marine Corps Base Hawaii

Dewey Square came to life on a blazing hot Wednesday afternoon as performers joked and sang for Marines and sailors during the “For the Leathernecks Comedy and Entertainment Tour II.”

The Headquarters Marine Corps-sponsored tour returned to Marine Corps Base Hawaii, this time bringing singer J Boog, and comedians Colin Kane and Rudy Rush to the stage. The Single Marine and Sailor Program on base also offered free lunch for single Marines and sailors prior to the event.

The “Leathernecks” tour, which is performing 24 shows aboard 18 installations this year, was created two years ago in response to requests made through the annual Single Marine Program conference, installation council board meetings and surveys.

“The Marines have enjoyed every bit of it,” said Michael Brown, a program specialist at the Single Marine Program and Recreation Centers of Headquarters Marine Corps. “We get so many comments from Marines at the installations about (the tour). They put it on Facebook, they (tweet) ... they do everything letting us know ‘hey, please continue this, because we’re enjoying it, it’s for us.’”

Brown is currently one of two coordinators for this year’s “Leatherneck” tour. He pointed out that contrary to other special events, Marines are not tasked into working party groups.

“Marines just have to sit here, laugh and have a good time,” Brown said. “That’s what we want, that’s what they want.”

Marines and sailors congregated on bleachers, folding chairs and even the grass, awaiting the entertainment. Sgt. Maj. Ernest Rose, the sergeant major of Marine Corps Air Station Kaneohe Bay, offered a few words prior to the show.

“It was great,” Rose later said of the event. “I think everybody enjoyed it.”

First to the stage was Rush, whose resume includes “The Chappelle Show.” A native of New York City, Rush has performed comedy for more than 15 years. He said he plans to begin working on a new comedy special, possibly filming in Chicago. Rush said performing for the military achieved greater meaning than merely “giving back to our servicemen and women.”

“As civilians in the U.S., we take for granted some of the liberties that we have,” Rush said. “Meeting a lot of Marines and just getting some stories ... I have a rapport with some of them now.”

Rush has kept in touch with service members from his past shows, some of whom want to be comedians themselves.

“It actually feels so great when I see (military recruiting) commercials, when I see a vet in the street, I take the extra time and I really say ‘thank



Marines sing and dance as performing artist J Boog performs during the “For the Leathernecks Comedy and Entertainment Tour II” at Dewey Square, Wednesday. Single Marines and sailors enjoyed a free meal from the Single Marine and Sailor Program, and watched two comedians and a musician for the afternoon.

you,’ because we definitely need to give them a lot more props and credit than they’re given,” Rush said.

Upon finishing his set, Rush introduced Kane. Kane, a New York native, has performed for numerous locations, from Los Angeles to Stockholm, Sweden. Outside of the “Leathernecks” tour, he will be promoting his own stand-up comedy tour, and working on a few TV and movie projects.

Kane recently performed at Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center Twentynine Palms in California, and is heading to Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton. He said he is grateful to perform for the military and usually takes any opportunity he gets to do so.

“I didn’t really know as much about the military until I started doing these tours,” Kane said. “It made me have a greater appreciation for the men and women (in the military). Many of these people need a good laugh more than other people so (the “Leathernecks” tour is) really a great program.”

Later that afternoon, the speakers boomed and service members sung along and danced as musician J Boog and his band rounded out the tour with island and reggae-style music.

J Boog, a native of Compton, Calif., has been a musician for many years. The singer moved to the islands in 2006, and currently resides in Haleiwa, Hawaii. J Boog plans to tour the West Coast in July, and has an album in the works for September. This is the first time J Boog has performed with the “Leathernecks” tour, and he said he is grateful for the opportunity.

“It was incredible, amazing (and) overall very well organized,” said Sgt. Poppy Reid-King, a battalion supply warehouse chief with Combat Logistics Battalion 3. “I had no idea (J Boog) was coming. He’s a fellow island brother doing something good for the Polynesian community.”

The native of Leone, American Samoa, said events like the Leatherneck tour was a way of increasing morale among the service members.



# Be green, clean with Reuse Room

**Christine Cabalo**  
*Marine Corps Base Hawaii*

Save the environment and some money by finding supplies from the Reuse Room.

The room, administered by the Hazardous Materials Minimization Center, takes in and redistributes spare chemical supplies. All Marine Corps Base Hawaii personnel are welcome to take donated items for free. Those living in base housing can donate spare cleaning products, motor oil, propane tanks and other useful chemical supplies that are gently used or unopened.

“The Reuse Room has continued to be a benefit for many people,” said Gerald Schmitz, the site manager of the Hazardous Materials Minimization Center.

The room’s free products are stored near building 6047. The center’s personnel are available by phone or in person on weekdays from 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. They offer tips on what’s in stock as well as what can be donated.

“If it’s not something you’d want to put on a table for a garage sale or take from a garage sale, it’s best to self-dispose of it,” said Cindy Wong, a hazardous materials specialist with the center.

Wong and Schmitz said those who wish to donate must check in with center personnel before dropping off their supplies or taking items. Plants on display at the center are not up for grabs, but there are many supplies available including paint and automotive care products.

“Propane tanks are one of the high-demand items we have in stock right now,” Schmitz said. “We don’t fill up tanks, but we have several partially



Christine Cabalo | Hawaii Marine

**Cindy Wong takes stock of cleaning supplies and other useful chemical products inside the Reuse Room near building 6047. The Reuse Room offers free cleaners, propane and other helpful chemical supplies to Marine Corps Base Hawaii personnel. Those who live in base housing can donate their spare products to the room upon speaking with center personnel.**

full. We can also take in gas tanks for lawn mowers.”

Schmitz said the Reuse Room is a resource for a wide range of free products, but will not accept nearly depleted products or personal care items.

Wong said products in small quantities should be disposed of in the trash, and the center also offers guidance on self-disposal.

“We can’t take in used motor oil,” she said. “But we can provide absorbent materials to soak up the oil.”

Marine Corps Base Hawaii housing residents can reduce their waste and spending by learning the disposal policies and seeking help from additional agencies. Oil changes are not allowed in living spaces on base, Schmidt said, but Marines and sailors can utilize the Auto Hobby Shop where they can properly dispose of their automotive chemicals. The center cannot take in lead acid batteries, but battery owners should be able to turn in their old batteries to their retailer for safe disposal.

The variety and type of supplies in stock changes daily, but many at the center said there’s one item usually available: paint.

“There was one person who came for every color of paint they could get,” said Scot North, an environmental compliance inspector with the center. “He was happy to get any color of paint, all the paint he could get for free. His project needed a base coat to paint over graffiti.”

Schmitz said those who take items from the room should only take what they need, to prevent having excess. He suggests those who donate should make a plan ahead of time, especially if they are quickly relocating, so the disposal process goes smoothly.

Whether base personnel decide to make a clean sweep of their products or be green with free supplies, the choice to reuse could be a smart one. For more information, call the center at 257-0770, extension 21.